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SUBJ: DETENTION OF AP CORRESPONDENT LUDINGTON

REF: DAMASCUS 221

LUDINGTON CALLED AP OFFICE FROM CHTAURA ABOUT 1900
JAN 21 TO CONFIRM HE HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO EXIT
SYRIA ON SECOND ATTEMPT AT BORDER. HE SUBSEQUENTLY
ARRIVED SAFELY IN BEIRUT. HE REPORTED TO AP COLLEAGUES
HE WAS HELD FOR THREE DAYS IN DAMASCUS CELL OCCUPIED MOSTLY
BY PFLP MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM SAID HE HAD SHARED CELL IN
SAME SYRIAN PRISON LAST SUMMER WITH THEN MISSING SUBSEQUENTLY
RETURNED, EDITOR MICHEL ABOU JAOUDE. LUDINGTON SAYS HE SLEPT ON
CONCRETE FLOOR, WAS NOT ABLE TO SHOWER, AND WAS STRUCK ONCE ACROSS
BARE FOOT BY RUBBER HOSE DURING INTERROGATION. OTHERWISE NOT
MISTREATED. AP BUREAU MANAGER HAWKINS INDICATES
SOMEWHAT VAGUELY THAT THEY PROBABLY WILL DO STORY
ON LUDINGTON'S EXPERIENCES "AFTER HE TAKES THE DAY
OFF TODAY TO CATCH UP ON SLEEP."
GODLEY

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